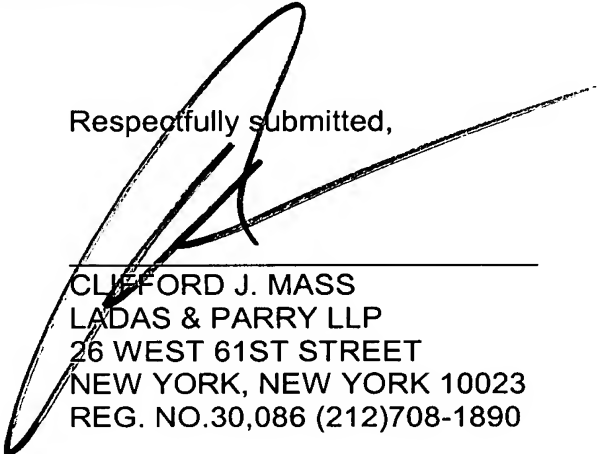


REMARKS

The above amendatory action is taken to eliminate multiple dependencies from the claims so as to avoid excess claim fees without narrowing the scope of the claims.

It is respectfully requested that the above amendatory action be taken prior to an examination of the application on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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